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Status							
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 August 2003.							
2a) This action is FINAL . 2b) ☐ This	This action is FINAL . 2b)⊠ This action is non-final.						
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.							
Disposition of Claims							
4)⊠ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.							
	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.							
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-22</u> is/are rejected.							
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.							
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.						
Application Papers							
9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.							
10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on <u>08 August 2003</u> is/are: a)⊠ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.							
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).							
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).							
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.							
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119							
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).							
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:							
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.							
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No							
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage							
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).							
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.							
Attachment(s)							
1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)							
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Da	Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)					
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>Nov. 11, 03</u> .	5) Notice of Informal P 6) Other:	atent Application (PTO-152)					

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DETAILED ACTION

Inventorship

1. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 3. Claims 1-2, 4-10, and 17-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Remboski (US 5,804,711).

Regarding claim 1, the reference of Remboski discloses a method for determining misfires of cylinders in a reciprocating engine including the following subject matters:

acquiring a series of acceleration data representative of acceleration behavior of the reciprocating engine (abstract);

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sampling the data to obtain acceleration data samples at a rate sufficient to obtain up to fourth-order perturbations of the acceleration data (see abstract; and col. 2, line 63 through col. 3, line 23);

filtering the samples to provide bandwidth limited samples (col. 3, lines 8-23);

providing the samples to at least two channels (above rejections);

pattern matching the samples in the first channel to enhance harmonic phenomena and reduce random phenomena (col. 3, lines 24-67; and col. 4, line 42 through col. 5, line 45);

pattern canceling the samples in the second channel to enhance random phenomena and reduce harmonic phenomena (above discussions and col. 6, lines 43-65); and

detecting misfires dependent on a magnitude of the filtered acceleration data samples (above rejections).

Regarding claims 2, and 4-10, as discussed in claim 1.

Regarding claims 17-22, as discussed in the above method claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 5. Claims 3, and 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Remboski et al.

Regarding claims 3, and 11, the reference of Remsboki et al discloses the claimed invention except for the filter is a high pass filter in the system. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the low pass filter

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(col. 3, lines 2-7) can be desired to a high pass filter, since it has been held that where the

general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum or workable

ranges involves only routine skill in the art. In re Aller, 105 USPQ 233 (CCPA 1955).

Regarding claims 12-16, as above discussions.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's

disclosure. The copies of U.S Patent are provided.

Kishida et al (US 5,713,339).

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner

should be directed to Johnny H. Hoang whose telephone number is (703) 308-2782. The

examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday (7:00Am-5: 30Pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Henry Yuen can be reached on (703) 308-1946. The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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